

BEST CHANCE



CRIMINAL JUSTICE
POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION
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INTRODUCTION

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Capital Workforce Partners

In Collaboration With:

*State Departments of Labor and Corrections,
& Partner Organizations*



BACKGROUND

GOVERNOR'S SECOND CHANCE IBEST BEST CHANCE

State Funding: \$1.3 million FY16 – Reduced to \$1.2 million
\$1.2 million FY17 – Reduced to \$1.1 million
\$444,000 FY18 – Reduced to \$295,000

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving: \$750,000 to date

Goals

*Industry Based Certificates, Job Placement, Reduce
Recidivism*



PARTNERS

- Connecticut Departments of Labor and Correction
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
- Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)
- American Job Center Network
- Asnuntuck Community College
- Billings Forger Community Works
- Capital Masonry
- Capital Workforce Partners
- Career Resources/STRIVE
- Carpenter's Training Fund
- Center for Latino Progress
- Chrysalis Center
- City of Hartford – Office of Returning Citizens
- Community Renewal Team
- Community Partners in Action
- CBIA
- Environmental Management Geological Consultants (EMGC)
- Goodwin College
- Manchester Community College
- MoveUp!
- Penney's Construction
- STRIDE

COMPREHENSIVE PATHWAY





Preliminary

OUTCOMES TO DATE

Total Number "Competing Application":

761

Total Number: Orientation Completion

420

Total Number of Enrolled/Complete Readiness:

348

Total Number Gaining Certificates

209

Total Number Entering Employment:

272

*all participants engaged in program

Total Number of Towns Served:

19



POSITIVE INVESTMENT

Emerging Scenarios

On a yearly basis, this program pays for itself!

Each month that altogether these returning citizens stay out of prison and work 40 hours per week, they will collectively pay about **\$10,000** per month in taxes.

Each month altogether that these returning citizens stay out of prison there is also a potential savings to the State of an estimated **\$800,000** per month in incarceration costs.

Present Status



Summer/Fall 2018

**** Sustained: Hartford Foundation for Public Giving**

Winter/Spring

**** State: Decreased to \$295,000**

- Hartford Foundation, Leveraged Partner Resources

FY19

**** Current Budget Allocation: \$444,000**

- Hartford Foundation, Leveraged Partner Resources

Status & Going Forward



**** First Year(s): Building the System & Sustaining the Infrastructure**

**** Going Forward: Public/Private Investment & Opportunity & Leveraging Partner Capacity**

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